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FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM MCMANAWAY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: THE FEAREY QUESTION

1. SINCE WE HAVE UNTIL TUESDAY MORNING TO POST THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION BY THE PRESS CONCERNING THE NATURE OF FEAREY'S REASSIGNMENT I THOUGHT I WOULD GIVE YOU A CRACK AT THE ANSWER WE ARE PROPOSING WHICH FOLLOWS:

Q. REGARDING S/CCT, DID MR. FEAREY RESIGN OR RETIRE? WHAT ARE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS CHANGE?

A. MR. FEAREY NEITHER RESIGNED NOR RETIRED. FOR SOME TIME, THE DEPARTMENT HAS WANTED TO RETURN THIS POSITION TO AMBASSADORIAL RANK AND WHEN AMBASSADOR HECK BECAME AVAILABLE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE JOB. MR. FEAREY WILL BE REASSIGNED TO OTHER DUTIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.

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2. WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP IT SIMPLE; IT SEEMS NO ANSWER

IS COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY IN THE SENSE OF AVOIDING FURTHER
QUESTIONS. LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THE ABOVE. ROBINSON

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